



# Indigenous Business Month – October 2023

Indigenous Business Month is an annual celebration that occurs every October. It was established nine years ago and is driven by the alumni of Melbourne Business School's MURRA Indigenous Business Master Class Program, who see business as a vehicle towards self-determination, a way of providing role models for Indigenous Australians and improving quality of life in Indigenous communities.

Indigenous Business Month collectively calls upon First Nations business owners and their non-Indigenous allies to gather online and in community to look at today's actions and how they will impact on tomorrow.

We are proud to support Indigenous Business Month. An integral part of our Reconciliation Action Plan is to support Indigenous business. Our firm's purpose is to enable our clients, our people and our communities to thrive. Working with Indigenous businesses is one way we help the Australian community to thrive.

## Promoting Indigenous business and employment in Alice Springs

We worked with Taarna Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation on a business and land purchase. Taarna obtained (and is finalising arrangements for) funding from the NT Government to buy a glass and aluminium business and the associated land located in Alice Springs. It will be used for the charitable purposes of promoting Indigenous businesses and employment in the region.

It has been a cross-practice collaboration, with partners and lawyers from our corporate, tax, employment and property and projects teams working on this matter.

The matter is ongoing but should be completed by the end of 2023.

## Helping Indigenous businesses in FY23

We obtained supplies from, and supported, the following businesses:

- Yaru Australia Pty Ltd
- West Coast Waddi Pty Ltd
- The Contract Option
- Plate Events & Catering Pty Ltd
- Pawa Catering and Events
- Muru Office Supplies Pty Ltd
- Mt Yengo Wines
- Kamberra Indigenous Cleaning
- Dreamtime Tuka
- Evolve Communities
- Dreamtime Kullilla-Art
- Cultural Choice
- Bilingarra